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CAPTAIN NEWMAN'S ORIGINAL JOURNAL OF
ST. CLAIR'S CAMPAIGN

Journal from July 30th. 1791

Was Muster'd, Inspected, & March'd at 1/2 past 6 O Clock PM. with Eighty One Men and four Women for Fort-Pitt² The weather dry & dusty. Cross'd y^e Schuylkill & Encamp'd at Follarny Hill 3 Miles from Philadelphia. at Ten P. M. Isaac Garrison & William Hickman supposed Deserted, came in & were pardon'd.—NB. March'd with 5 Prisoners Confin'd for Desertion, 1 upon suspicion of having previously Inlisted & 4 others for Crimes of diff^t. Denominations

Sunday July 31st.

Countersign Philadelphia

Took up our March at 5 AM, a heavy Shower coming on, with y^e. appearance of steady rain, Encamp'd at Blockley Township 3 Miles from our last Encampment where, agreeable to the spirit of y^e. Instructions receiv'd from y^e. Sec^y. of War the following Order was Given—

"Camp at Blockley July 31st. 1791. It is at all times necessary to the Honour, Comfort & happiness of a Soldier, to Conduct himself with decency & good Order, more particularly on a March. The Commanding officer therefore enjoins the utmost regularity & propriety of behavior The Non Commission'd officers will see that their respective squads keep themselves & their Arms & Accoutrements Clean & fit for service, they will also pay attention that their Men while on the March do not quit their Sections or Straggle from the detachment, for this purpose a Guard consisting of 1 Serg^t. 1 Corp^l. & 15 privates will be Mounted to form a rear & Camp Guard to secure the Deserters & other Prisoners to pick up Stragglers, & to take care of the Baggage—

Any Soldier who may so far forget he is at all times amenable to the Civil Authority, as to wantonly abuse or ill treat any of the Inhabitants of the United-States, or is so lost to the Character of a Soldier as to disgrace this detach-

²The route followed by Newman's company between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was the Old Glade Road, later known as the Pennsylvania Road. It was the shortest highway across the mountains from the seacoast to the Mississippi Valley system and is roughly paralleled today by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The history of this famous highway has been told by Archer B. Hulbert in his *The Old Glade (Forbes's) Road* (Cleveland, 1903).

ment by plundering, or Stealing even the smallest article from the Good People of the Country, may depend on being immediately punish'd on the Spot & that too in a severe & exemplary Manner—

Samuel Newman Cap^t. 2^d. U S Reg^t.

& Commanding Officer

The Weather Clearing about Ten OClock AM. Intensely hot, induced me to defer Marching until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 PM, when it was again resumed & we Encamped at the White horse, Radner Township, & 7 Miles from Blockley.—Countersign—Knox—Order'd y^e. General to Beat at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 A M

Monday August 1st. 1791

March'd at 4 A M. But observing the Men fatigued, & unused to Travelling, was unwilling to lead them farther than the White-Horse in East-Whiteland, fourteen Miles from Radnor where we Encamped for y^e. day & night, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 P M received an Order from the Sec^y. of War to permit Mary Hastings to join my Company! this Casualty encreased my Provision Return to Eighty Eight, she's a d—d Bitch & and I intend to Drum her out the first time she gets drunk³—Order'd the General at Three—Countersign—Jackson—Weather warm & rainy y^e. March very dusty, in y^e. afternoon a small shower

Tuesday Augst. 2^d.

Struck our Tents, & march'd at 4 OClock A M nothing remarkable occurred on our March to East Kallan [Caln] Township 15 Miles from Whiteland. At this Place the Men getting drunk, & becoming refractory, severity again became necessary, & four of the most impudent were very severely flogg'd by the tune of *Laragrogan*, notwithstanding which a likely Young Irishman by y^e. name of William Carson who had been a spectator of y^e. whole, Inlisted on condition of receiv^g. his Bounty at Fort-Pitt—This of consequence encreased my provision return to Eighty Nine—The foll^g. Order was given [in] Camp at East Kellan [Caln] Town-

³The attendance of large numbers of women upon so arduous and dangerous an Indian campaign as St. Clair had in hand affords but one of numerous evidences of mismanagement of the enterprise. Upwards of two hundred women and children accompanied the army into the wilderness, practically all of whom were slain or captured in the defeat of November fourth.

ship Augst. 2^d 1791 The Commanding Officer reminds the Serjeants Commanding Squads, of his Orders at Blockley 31st. Ultim^o. he repeats that Order & expects they will pay the strictest attention to the Cleanliness of their squads, & in particular to their arms & accoutrements, as many of the Men have been unpardonably negligent upon this point.

He laments the necessity of punishing those who have been refractory. he again assures the Soldierlike & obedient of his protection, & his readiness to make their situation Comfortable & happy—but while he gives them these assurances, they may rely on it, the impudent, the Willfull, the Drunkard, & the Disobedient, shall always meet his Censure, & immediate punishment—

The Orderly Serjeant will immedeatly make out a Mess Roll, taking care, to put the head of each Mess at the top of their respective mess Lists. The other Serjeants will make a return of the Men belonging to their respective Squads, & occasionally report the Casualties which may take place—

The Serjeants commanding Guards will make a Morning Report of their Guards, the number of Prisoners, for what Crimes they are Confined, by Whom, & such occurrences as may have come within their Notice—Countersign Boston—Weather warm & dry General to Beat at 3 AM. Tomorrow

Wednesday Augst. 3^d.

March'd at 4 OClock AM, no Occurrence worth notice, except the Orderly conduct of the Men, whose behavior has indeed exceeded my expectation! releas'd Three who were Confin'd yesterday, & hope the severity made use of, will have the effect expected from it—Encamp'd at—The Sign of the Duke of Cumberland, 16 Miles from East Kallam [Caln] & 9 Miles short of Lancaster, Order'd the Men to prepare Clean Shirts, Jackets & Overalls, & to Reserve some of their flour, that our entrance into the Town may be respectable as those who have gone before us. Still warm & dry. General to Beat at Three AM Tomorrow—Countersign Mifflin—was Join'd by James Johnson a recruit Inlisted in Phil^a. since my departure.

Thursday Augst. 4th.

March'd at 1½ past 4. halted at Conestogoe Creek, Two Miles from Lancaster, made the Men dress in their Blue Uni-

forms & powder—Encamp'd at Lancaster ab^t. 12 at noon. Warm & exceedingly dusty. between 10 & 11 at night had a fine rain which lasted untill daylight.—Two Villians, Sam^l. Reeves and John Cook deserted from their Post while on Centinel; between the hours of 11 & 12. Countersign Hancock.—Many of y^e. men Lame & very much fatigued.

Fryday Augst. 5th.

Sent Serj^{ts}. Elderkin & Cummings with parties upon different roads. Inlisted James Stewart, nothing remarkable except heavy rain & Thunder in y^e. night. Countersign Cushing

Saturday, Augst. 6th.

The Serj^{ts}. not return'd & the Men who were lame under Doct^{rs}. care I determin'd not to March untill Monday.—Inlisted William Miller—Gave the Men the Months pay I rec^d. for them in Phil^a.—this of Consequence introduced rum & Laragrogan once more—Countersign Adams Weather very hot—

Sunday Augst. 7th.

Serj^{ts}. return'd without having heard of the Villains who deserted Inlisted Michael Forrest, took up my provision Returns, settled with the Contractor, & Order'd the General at Three A M Tomorrow. Countersign Sinclair—

Monday Augst. 8th.

March'd at 4 AM. weather hot & the Men fatigued, Encamped at Elizabeth Town 18 Miles from Lancaster.—dismiss'd M^{rs}. Graham on the road, for impudently bringing, at three different times this Morning, Canteens of rum to the Men, Notwithstanding *her* promises, & my *positive* Orders to y^e. Contrary, & in defiance of my repeated threats to Drum her out of my Camp if she presum'd it. hope this example will deter y^e. rest of y^e. fair sex who accompany my detachment, from committing errors which may deprive them of the *honour* of following of it.—nothing material except rain ab^t. 11 P. M. General to beat at Three tomorrow Morn^g. Countersign Scott

Tuesday Augst. 9th.

rain Weather until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 A M. when it clear'd excessively hot and sultry March'd at 5 P M, forded the Swetara river knee deep & encamped at E Middletown 8

Miles from Eliz^a. Town. roads bad, weather warm—Countersign Lancaster. General to beat at Three.—

Wednesday Augst. 10th.

Took up our March at 4 A.M. Cloudy & drizzly, cleared ab^t, 9 A.M. Crossed the Susquehannah at Chamber's ferry & Encamped at the Silver Springs (a Name which I presume arises from the great number of fine Springs to be found there) 16 Miles from Middletown & ten from Carlisle, at 1½ past 3 P.M. had a Violent Thunder-Storm accompanied with heavy rain which lasted during y^e. night.—Order'd y^e. General at four—Countersign—Lincoln.

Thursday Augst. 11th.

Cloudy—Tents, Mens Clothes & Baggage so wet & soaked with rain as to induce me to defer Marching untill Two O'Clock P.M., when we struck our Tents & proceeded to Carlisle, where we Encamped. C-sign Green roads heavy & excessively muddy

Friday Augst. 12th.

Fair, pleasant weather, made arrangements with y^e. Commissary for Provisions to Dermot's in y^e. Glades, 30 Miles t'other side Bedford—Drew 90 doz Cartridges—procur'd another Waggon—& prepar'd to march tomorrow Afternoon—Drummed M^{rs}. Willaghan out of the Camp for bringing rum into it, and dismissed M^{rs}. Brady for her Insolent language during y^e. punishment of Robert Cook & John Peters, the former of whom rec^d. 28 Lashes, & the latter—20 for getting Drunk, notwithstanding repeated Orders against it. Order'd the womens provisions to be given in future to Coltrmans and the Fifer's Wives, who have as yet behaved very well—thank God I have now no more than my Compliment of Women—Inlisted John Carnes Countersign Steuben—

Saturday Augst. 13th.

Pleasant Morning—Found M^{rs}. Brady had stole into the Camp after the hour of challenging was over, her Contrition & Intreaties, with the consideration of its being in a manner impossible for her to carry her Clothes & an Infant 120 Miles back again—induced me to take her promises of behaving better in future, & permitting her to follow y^e. Camp during

decent conduct—The Waggoner which had been engaged not coming in, in season, protracted my March untill near 7 PM. when having nearly as many Prisoners as Guard & some of them desperate, abandon'd Scoundrels, order'd them ty'd in Couples, & by that means conducted them safe thro^h. y^e. woods to Mount rock 7 Miles from Carlisle where we encamp'd. Countersign Moultrie weather still serene. General to beat at 4 tomorrow AM

Sunday Augst. 14th.

March'd at 1/2 past 4 A M. Fine agreeable Morning. Found my left Foot which had been hurt on y^e. March from Middletown to Carlisle, very painfull & much inflamed, of consequence, the road to Shippinsburgh 14 Miles from M^t. Rock tediously long & tiresome—Encamped by a fine run of water which reliev'd the Mind as well as Body, as we had not seen one during the March—having rec^d. information of Two Deserters confin'd in the Jail of Chambersburg 11 Miles wide of this detach'd Serj^t. Cummins & four good Men, with the underwritten Letter, with instructions to secure them in the best manner possible & to meet me tomorrow at Scinners in the Mountains 13 Miles from this Encampment—

“Camp at Shippensburgh Augst. 14th. 1791

Sir

The bearer of this, Serjeant Cummins, has my Orders to receive Two Men, suppos'd to be Deserters from the Army, & who are now in your Custody.—I'll thank you to give him a receipt expressive of its being for Jail fees, or any Shackles for the prisoners which may be consider'd necessary to secure them while on their March to Fort-Pitt.—The importance of apprehending & securing those *daring* Villains, who *rob* our Country of their Bounty Money, Clothing & Subsistance, must be obvious to every Man who has his *own*, or his Country's Interest at heart.—it is also as true, that those Virtuous Men, who discover their abhorrance of this worst of all Crimes, by confining the perpetrators of them untill they can be conveyed to the Corps which they have abandon'd, should have a *pecuniary* reward for their patriotism.—This may be obtain'd by the Gen^t. who took them up; after their *desertion* has been made *certain*—by an application to the Commanding Officer of the Company from which they deserted, or the Command-

ing Officer at the Post to which they may be carried.—There can be no doubt arise on this subject. Serjeant Cummin's receipt to you for the Men with the record of their conviction, will be sufficient Vouchers for Ten Dollars a piece for the Deserters To those who can make it appear that they deposited them with you.—

I am Your most obedient

Mr. Owen Austin under Sheriff
County Franklin

humble servant
Samuel Newman Cap^t.
2^d. U S Reg^t

Order'd the General at 1½ past thre—Countersign Warren.
Pleasant weather during y^e. night

Monday Augst. 15th.

March'd at Four AM. fine Morning—found on calling y^e. roll, that William Hickman, a sculking lazy rascal had deserted, must confess I would not send 1½ Mile after him upon any other principle than seeing him severely punish'd. I however stimulated some of the Inhabitants to pursue him, by giving them a description, & a promise of Ten Dollars for apprehending him, & flatter myself he is taken 'ere now.—Encamped at Scinners in the Mountains, after crossing one of 4 miles over & in the afternoon was join'd by Serjeant Cummins with one of the Deserters I had sent for by the Name of Jn^o. Hamilton of Cap^t. Zeiglers Comp^y. 1st. reg^t.—the other Scoundrel who had deserted 4 times, & had escaped from Cap^t Phelon's Guard in the Mountains, was *conscientiously* detain'd, lest he should suffer Innocently! *Sensible, judicious* people! how happy for the *impudent, harden'd* Villain, to have fallen into the hands of Men of penetration! but alas what might be the fate of a Man of refinement, reduced by *misfortune* to *suspicion*, should it be *his* fate to show a misconstrued sensibility in his Countenance before Men of equal discernment!!!

Serjeant Williams, notwithstanding my advice to refrain from drinking, & repeated Lectures & admonitions on the subject, has been drunk all day while on Guard, and I have order'd him confined & carried on under Guard to Fort-Pitt.—to take his tryal.—released Rob^t. Cook & John Peters who were punished at Carlisle—Countersign—Montgomery General to Beat at three—

Tuesday Augst. 16th.

March'd at $\frac{1}{4}$ past four AM—Cross'd Two Mountains one of $3\frac{1}{2}$ the other 4 Miles over, forded Conococheague Creek & encamped at Fort-Littleton 13 Miles from Scinners.—during the March M^r. Laury Quater 2nd. Reg^t. of Levies being with y^e. rear Guard & Waggon in y^e. Mountains, discover'd a Man making observations on the troops & sculking in y^e. bushes, who on finding himself discover'd, escaped into y^e. Woods two Miles further M^r. Laury perceiv'd the same Man, on shewing an inclination to speak to him, he again disappear'd.—suspicion was excited, & M^r. Laury kept a look out; when he a third time pass'd upon him, when he had no chance to escape & was made prisoner the Old Overalls he had on, & a pair Shoes, evidently Soldiers Shoes, induced me to order him link'd to Hamilton, and determin'd me to carry him on, not doubting I shall find an owner for him. he calls himself James M^cDougal, denies his having ever deserted, except from y^e. British Army. in short his accounts of himself are so various & contradictory, that I think myself, upon every principle, justified in the step I have taken—Countersign—Mercer—Orderd General at 3 AM

Wednesday Augst. 17th.

March at 4 AM. Foggy in y^e. morning & Cloudy most of the Day. The roads being bad, & almost impassible for my baggage, & of consequence rear Guard to keep up. left them & push'd for Juniata, forded the river at the ferry or Crossings at six P.M. heard that the waggon with the Tents & my own Baggage, was broken down, the Waggon with my Provisions having arrived, & it beginning to rain I march'd the Men to a Horse shed, provided Straw for them, & made their situation comfortable as possible. at 7 PM. Serjeant Harmon to whom I had given permission to loiter in y^e. rear, came in with part of the Guard, with an acct. of Serjeant Peirce's being drunk, & having scatter'd his Guard in such a Manner as to give John Anderson a fellow who was confin'd for desertion, an opportunity of slipping his Irons & making his escape, a promise of Ten Dollars for his apprehension has induced some active Inhabitants to pursue him. Juniata is $19\frac{1}{2}$ Miles from Littleton.—The Desertion of y^e. above Villain, & some discovery's I made of the rest of

the Prisoners being privy to his escape, & having laid a plan to effect their own, forced me to a severity, distressing to my feelings, but which from the nature of the Men I am plagued with y^e. command of, render'd absolutely necessary, to convince them, that tho! willing to give every proper indulgence, I could also punish with rigor. Every Prisoner therefore, was made to dance Laragrogan, & their hands chain'd behind them, except the one who was link'd to Anderson, & whom I order'd to be chain'd to y^e. Waggon.—This part of my Journal should it ever fall in other hands than I now expect it will may strike y^e. humane & susceptible heart with a contempt for me, & a degree of horror at y^e. transaction! but let them be assur'd, that however refin'd their feelings may be on y^e. subject! mine are no less so, Heaven knows, my heart, replete with sensibility, bled upon the occasion, while the Duty I owed myself & my Country, painfully convinced it of y^e. impossibility of avoiding it. My waggon not coming up, did not order y^e. General at any particular hour, sensible I could not take up my March without it—C-sign Smith.—

Thursday Augst. 18th.

Ab^t. 3 AM it began to rain, it was nearly Nine this Morning when Serj^t. Peirce arriv'd with the remains of his Guard & the Waggon! the ground wet & uncomfortable, prefer'd keeping y^e. Men under the Horse-Shed, rather than Encamping—received information that Patrick Powers while on Sentry had endeavor'd to persuade some of the Prisoners to desert with him! — I order'd the Company & Prisoners Paraded, tied him up to a Waggon Wheel, & gave him 50 Lashes well laid on, & confin'd him to take his tryal when we join the army at headQua[r]ters.

The conduct of Serj^t. Peirce had reduced me to the disagreeable alternative of ruining of him by making him a Subject for a Court Martial, or risking my own reputation by an ill-timed lenity! I have endeavoured to avoid both, by suspending his Command untill his Conduct shall merit its renewal: I confess I have my doubts on the Subject. tho! at y^e. same time certain y^e. error leans to humanity & cannot materially injure y^e. service.—His situation with me deserved a better return. — destitute of Friends who would assist him

he apply'd to me to take him as a Cadet or Volunteer, neither of these were in my power — his professions of skill in Surgery & Medicine, with the Idea that an Army divided as ours must necessarily be on y^e. Frontiers would require assistant Surgeons Mates, & a desire to extend y^e. *consoling* arm of an *Active Commiseration* to y^e. unhappy & friendless; induced me to give him y^e. highest rank in my power, & to make a Serj^t. of him. — Would to God I could say his conduct on y^e. March justified my opinion of him, at the time of his appointment, but it has unhappily been otherwise; a too strong propensity to liquor, has repeatedly prevented my placing y^e. confidence I ever wish to repose in my Non-Commission'd Officers, & unless speedily conquer'd, will undoubtedly deprive me of y^e. gratification of recommending him, to an employment at once permanent & honorable. Nothing material excepting the q^r. Mast^r. Serj^t. Lewis^[2] being struck at by a rattle Snake; fortunately having very loos Overalls, he received no Injury — the Snake was instantly killd. — incessant rain during the day & Night. C-sign North—

Fryday Augst. 19th.

The rain ceas'd ab^t. 4 AM—Weather still fluttering. concluded not to beat y^e. General untill Six AM, took up our March at 7. Weather Cloudy & fluttering during the Day.— Encamped at Bedford 14 Miles from y^e. Crossings of Junieta — rec^d. information of Three Deserters being in y^e. Jail; paid the fees; employed the Smith to make Irons for them & the Villains I have already under Guard. — C-sign Bradford Order'd y^e. General at Three & the Waggons to be laden & to proceed immediately. — Wrote by post to Maj^r. Stagge respect^g. deserters.

Saturday Augst. 20th.

Sent my Waggons on at Three & followed them with the Company & the Prisoners at 4 AM.— Forded the Juniata three times during y^e. March & Encamp'd at a place call'd Hughes's Camp 17 Miles from Bedford, thro' a Hilly (in Mass^a. I should have call'd it Mountainous) Country, badly supply'd with Water but *abundantly* furnish'd with Wood.— Gave the following Order

Camp at Hughes's Camp Augst. 20th.

The Commanding Officer again calls upon the Serjeants Commanding Squads, to pay attention to the Order & Cleanliness, of their respective Squads, he assures them this will be the last time he will trouble himself to call on them in this way. Many of the Men are Scandalously negligent, & they may depend on being punish'd for any future inattention.—Each Man will receive Twelve rounds of amunition this Ev^g.—Any Soldier who may be hardy eno! to draw his Charge after having been on Guard, except in the presence of the Serj^t. who commanded it, will be instantly punish'd.—if he presumes to discharge his piece without first having obtain'd permission from a Commiss.^d Officer, he will immedeatly receive 100 Lashes—They may also depend on immedeate punishment if they suffer their Cartridges to get wet by neglect, or their Arms to get rusty!! & unfit for Service. Serj^t. Williams having been Inlisted by a Gent.^t. who possibly may have placed a Confidence in him, & who I am inform'd knows his family to be respectable; with his Solemn promises to reform, & conduct himself with propriety in future, has induced me to release him, unwilling to give pain to the Officer, although justly displeased with y^e. conduct of the Serj^t. — Mich^l. M^cGill was also releas'd from the Guard, upon a Consideration of his having been *severely* punish'd, & an unwillingness to march more Prisoners through the Country than may be absolutely necessary for y^e. good of the Service to retain; as even after their release I shall have 14!—Countersign Wells — Order'd y^e. General at Three —

Sunday Augst. 21st.

Cloudy, drizzly, threat'ning Morning. — March'd at five A M with small prospects of a decent one! was however very agreeably disappointed by its clearing ab^t. 7. Crossed one of the Alleghany Mountains, which I found by no means so tremendously high & frightfull as I expected! and indeed no ways to be compared to the Mountain I pass'd previous to Encamping at Scinners, either for Length or roughness. Encamped & drew Two Days Provision of Beef & Bread at M^c. Dermot's in the Glades—13 Miles from Hughes's Camp. Countersign — Reed — General to beat at 5. —

Monday Augst. 22^d.

Cloudy & Foggy. March'd at 6 AM. nothing uncommon during the March. Encamp'd at Beams's. 12 Miles from M^c. Dermot's, Sent Jn^o. Anderson & Dan^l. Ryan forward to let M^r. Lovardlyyer know of my approach & that I should want three days Provision for 89 Men & 5 Women of Beef & Bread only, having drawn y^e. small parts of rations from Carlisle to Pittsburgh. — General at 5. Countersign Cobb —

Tuesday Augst. 23^d.

Heavy Fogg. March'd at 6 AM—Clear'd ab^t. 8. Cross'd a hill by the Name of Laurel Hill, 10 Miles over, the Stoniest & worst road I almost ever saw, but not very steep or Mountainous — Encamped in the Woods by a fine spring 14 Miles from Beams's. Countersign—Trescott Order'd the General at Three.—

Wednesday Augst. 24th.

Thick Fogg. March'd at Four AM. several small Showers during the March of 10 Miles to Loveangeyr's where I drew three days provision, up to Fort-Pitt, with a determination to renew my March at 1½ past three PM—for Perry's Mill, 7 Miles from Loveangeyr's, but at this moment 1½ past One P— M— there has commenced a very heavy Shower of rain, accompanied with Thunder; shall proceed as soon as it clears. — Clear'd ab^t. three P M— took up our March & Encamped at Perry's Mill — General to Beat at three Countersign Burnham Showers during y^e. Night.—

Thursday Augst. 25th.

Sent my waggons on at Two AM intending to measure 20 Miles. March'd with my Company at 1½ past 4 AM Forded a Creek call'd the little Sweetly, halted at Squire Hillmans 17 Miles from y^e. Mills, Order'd the Lads to wash their Shirts & Overalls, against the Waggons came up; & intended for the Widow Myer's, which would have completed y^e. distance proposed; but y^e. badness of y^e. roads, made still worse by yesterdays rain, and a smart Shower ab^t. 1½ an hour after I halted this day, render'd it impossible for them to come up untill 8 P— M— of Course Encamped for y^e. Night — Order'd the General at 1½ past Three. Countersign—Heart

Fryday Augst. 26th.

Sent on the Waggon at Two A—M—between that hour & Marching at 4 AM. discover'd Patrick Dalton, & Michael Caton had made arrangements to desert, & would undoubtedly have succeeded but for the accidental jump of one of my Serjeants over a Fence, where he perceiv'd Dalton's Haversack & Musket; Caton had ever been honor'd with Confidence, & was at this time forward with the Waggon, but some circumstances having created suspicion he was secur'd, & a number of Fowles found in his Haversack, more Cartridges ab^t. him than had been deliver'd to him, and his Piece Charged — Dalton also had 49 rounds and his Musquet Charged with two Balls & his Haversack well stored with Stolen provisions. they both danced Laragrogan & were put in Irons to take their Trial at Fort-Pitt. Forded Turtle Creek & Halted at the Two Mile run ab^t. Three hundred yards from the Monongohela river, & Two Miles from the Town. Order'd the Tents, Camp Kettles & Bowles Scrub'd, & the Men to prepare to make a handsome entrance into Pittsburgh. Weather Cloudy & Foggy all the Morning but Cleard ab^t. 1½ past Eleven AM very hott. — Countersign. Craig.— the following is the Copy of a Letter to Major Craig —

Two Mile run Augst. 26th. 1791

Sir

M^r. Laury, Quater-Master 2^d. regiment Levies, will inform you of my arrival at this Place. he will also receive such directions as you may have for me, & such information respecting the Ground I am to Encamp on in Pittsburgh, as you may chuse to communicate—

I am with respect —

Major-Craig Commanding
Officer at Fort-Pitt

Your most obed^t.
hble Serv^t.

Saturday Augst. 27th.

March'd into Pittsburgh ab^t. 11 OClock AM. & Encamped, made some few arrangements as to going down the river, & wrote an acc^t. of my arrival to Gen^l. Knox. Countersign Butler. —

Sunday Augst. 28th.

Nothing material except dining with Major Craig, pass'd an agreeable afternoon & Ev^g. & return'd to Camp before Tatoo. Countersign— Sullivan — Inlisted, Henry Craige

Monday Augst. 29th.

Sent such of my Arms as wanted repairing, to the Armourers draw'd all y^e. Clothing for my recruits Inlisted on the March excepting Coats & Hatts—pass'd an Agreeable Ev^g. with some of the Belles of Pittsburgh & retir'd to Camp at Eleven Countersign — Neville.—

Tuesday Augst. 30th.

Receiv'd my Barrel of Spirits, & that with my Groceries which I had left in Phil^a. —procur'd a Physician to take care of some of my Men who had got Lame on our March. — Ab^t. half past Ten A M had a smart shower, with sharp lightning & heavy Thunder Struck Tents at 4 P M — march'd to a fresh piece of Ground & Encamped nigher the Monongehala on the Point between that & the Alleghany river. in the Ev^g. one of my Men, James Haney fell down the Bank ab^t. 40 feet, but happily rec^d. but little other injury than that occasion'd by his fright. — Countersign Brooks.

Wednesday Augst. 31st.

Cloudy & likely to rain, but this is the first Morn^g. which has been Clear of very thick Fogg, since we Cross'd the first Mountains. rain at 4 P.M. Cap^t. Ruecastle of 2^d. Reg^t. Levies. Inlisted a Judge of the Court Bucks County as a Serj^t. Countersign Hull —

Thursday Sept^r. 1st.

Fine Day. draw'd from the Commissary Military Stores. Fusils for myself & Officers. Countersign Tyler

Fryday Sept^r. 2^d.

Draw'd 20 Days provision to carry me down to Fort Washington—and prepar'd to go off tomorrow Countersign Eustis

Saturday Sept^r. 3^d.

Cloudy Morning. Commenc'd raining ab^t. 2 P M am advised by People who are better acquainted with y^e. river than myself

to wait untill Monday. Countersign Crocker — Ja^s Keary Desert.

Sunday Sept^r. 4th

Am happy to find the river rises fast & am still advised by Gen^l. Neville to wait untill tomorrow when there seems little doubt of its rising in such a manner as to enable me to pursue my Voyage to Fort Washington 600 Miles from this by Night as well as Day, which has been impossible for some Months past. steady rain. God grant it may continue, & my expectations fulfilled. Countersign Townshend—

Monday Sept^r. 5th.

Cloudy Morning, found river rising & rapid, settled with the Contractor for Provisions, & the Commissary Military Stores got every thing on board & Embark'd at Eleven A.M. rain at Two PM. which continued all Night & made our situation very uncomfortable. form'd the Men in my own Boat into 6 watches or reliefs which made their Duty light. Order'd M^r. Greateon to do likewise, & always to keep his boat within hail.

Tuesday Sept^r. 6th.

Pass'd Buffaloe Creek at 6 A M 72 Miles from Pittsburgh pay'd a Musical compliment to a Militia Guard at that place, & sent a Canoe ashore for Milk. In y^e. Afternoon pass'd 3 more Guards to all of whom we shew our Colours & paid the usual Compliments of beating a March, which appear'd to be understood but by one of them, who seem'd to return it with great satisfaction. in the night we pass'd the last Fort on y^e. river untill we come to Muskingum.

Wednesday Sept^r. 7th.

Ab^t. ten A M having an excellent Glass discover'd Men on Shore ab^t. 3 Miles a head filing off thro' the bushes as I supposed to attack us, prepar'd to receive them & kept my lads at their arms untill we arriv'd at Muskingum which was at 3 P M. pay'd the compliment of y^e. Drum & receiv'd a Salute from the Blockhouse. found Col^o. Sprout & many of my acquaintances who were happy to see me. was delighted with y^e. situation of Marietta. but think y^e "Campus Martius" derives its principal excellence from its strength against an

Indian rather than a Military Enemy,⁴ took my leave at 6 P M accompanied by Maj^r. Cushing & a number of Gen^t. who were bound to Belle Pre & who were polite eno'. to go with us 25 Miles beyond it. after having made me a present of some Squashes Melons &c & enjoying themselves dancing until 1½ past 3 A M. think they have "paid dear for their Whistle" as they have to row back against y^e. Current which now runs ab^t. 4½ knots.

Thursday Sept^r. 8th.

Sick all Day. at 8 P M came opposite the French Settlement of Galliapolis. sent a letter ashore to Cap^t. Guion, was unhappy that my head ache & something of a fever prevented my Visiting of him. fine Ev^g. 'till 1½ past ten when it began to rain & continued all night.—

Fryday Sept^r. 9th.

rainy Morning. the roof of my Boat leak'd all Night, had a wet uncomfortable time of it altho! I feel a little better ab^t. 8 AM. pick'd up a large Canoe which I order'd cut to pieces & Scuttled lest the Indians should make use of her to capture y^e. Merchant boats passing on the river. ab^t. 11 A M saw a very large Bear swim across y^e. river, M^r. Craig jump'd into y^e. Canoe, but bruin reach'd y^e Shore before him & made off. this is y^e first large species of Game I have seen during my March to Pittsburgh or sail this far down the river, except one Fawn. Shott 2 Turkeys. — Finding we had got into the most dangerous part of the river from Pittsburgh to Fort-Washington. Order'd a Serj^t. & 12 mounted every night instead of the former watches. in both boats

Saturday Sept^r. 10th.

Thick Fogg. oblig'd to beat the Taps most of y^e. night and untill 1½ past 8 this Morning, as my boat row'd faster than M^r. Greateon's. was happy in finding (when it Clear'd) that we had not seperated — saw another Bear come down to y^e. river, who also fil'd off on percieving us. Landed at the famous Settlement of Limestone ab^t. 1½ past 4 P M. to say

⁴ Fort Harmar was established at the mouth of the Muskingum in 1785 by Major John Doughty. Next to Fort Washington (at Cincinnati) it was the principal military establishment on the Ohio frontier. In 1788 the famed Ohio Company founded Marietta, and among the numerous classical names which they sprinkled over the site of their wilderness metropolis that of Campus Martius was given to their central stockaded inclosure.

I was disappointed would give but a small Idea of the place or my feelings. 'Tis true the Land ab^t. it is luxuriantly fertile, & the Town is happily situated. but the houses for so old a settlement, are contemptibly mean, and badly built, most of y^e. People poor & lazy. & the streets abominably filthy & dirty, owing to their Hogsties being contiguous to them. & from laziness or some reason incomprehensible to me their suffering the filth & excrements to run into the Streets. Limestone is 60 miles from Fort Washington hope to get there tomorrow. had a most Violent squal of wind & rain ab^t. 11 P M. which lasted upwards of an *hour* & in which we were in danger of foundering or being driven on Shore & in which myself & Bed got most thoroughly wet. the other boat was also in a disagreeable situation. —

Sunday Sept^r. 11th.

Foggy till 9 AM. when it Clear'd very Cool found ourselves within 14 Miles of Head-Quarters order'd the Men to prepare themselves for making a handsome appearance on Landing. — Landed at at a Settlement call'd little Miami—it is indeed a beautiful situation & y^e. people appear contented & industrious. ab^t. 1½ past 4 P M. landed at Fort-Washington. waited upon Gen^l. St. Clair & encamp'd in front of y^e. Battalion. C-sign France

Monday Sept^r. 12th.

Made a report of my Comp^y. & returns for Arms, Accoutrements & Clothing. Din'd with Gen^l. Harmar. rec^d. Orders to hold myself in readiness to march at y^e. shortest notice with y^e. army. C-sign—Vigo

Tuesday Sept^r. 13th.

Went on Fatigue with 90 Men to haul the Boats up on y^e. Bank—had complaint that 25^{lbs}. Bacon had been stolen altho! a Corporal & 3 Men had y^e. Care of it. instantly broke y^e. Corp^l. & made him & y^e. whole Guard dance laragrogan. C-sign Detroit—

Wednesday Sept^r. 14th.

Prepar'd to March. busy all day, wrote to Boston. din'd with Cap^t. Bradford & a parcel of genteel Officers of the Garrison. C-sign Bell Pre'. 4 Indian Warriors came to see their families who had been captur'd.

Thursday Sept^r. 15th.

March'd at 8 AM. for HeadQuaters 24 Miles from Fort-Washington Came on drizzling rain ab^t. 11 AM. Forded two deep Creeks during y^e. March. & halted at Mill Creek 10 Miles from Fort-W—the roads so very muddy our baggage could not keep up, of consequence was oblig'd to lay in y^e. Woods on a wet piece of Ground, without a blanket or Great-Coat—their Nankeen Overalls & a linnen Jacket, must confess I was most uncomfortably Cold. altho I lay with my feet to a good fire. the fog was so heavy as to wet my Jacket & Overalls thro! ab^t. 12 O Clock at night a very large Tree fell upon two of Cap^t. Phelon's Men, one of whom died in ab^t. three hours after, the other was badly wounded but not dangerous. — There was no Countersign given, it being consider'd unnecessary, as our Men or Officers could have no call out of y^e line of Centinels. the mode of conduct order'd for y^e. reliefs, was for y^e. Sentry to order y^e. Corporal of y^e relief to ground his Arms, advance & make himself known after which he approach'd & reliev'd y^e Sentry.

Fryday Sept^r. 16th.

took up our March at 6 OClock A. M. forded several Creeks & small runs. & was oblig'd to halt & make booths & 2 OClock P M. as y^e. Surveyor had not blaz'd y^e. Trees or open'd y^e. road further than 10 Miles! & had left us to find our way out of y^e. Woods as we could. this of consequence brought on reconnoitering, & y^e. rifle Men were sent forward to make a new road into y^e. old one, which was discover'd ab^t. 3 Miles from where we halted. at 4 P. M. our Baggage came up & we got something to Eat & drink, it being y^e. first time since y^e day before we march'd dinner time. “tight times in y^e. Jerseys.”

Saturday Sept^r. 17th.

March'd at 6 A M. Enter'd y^e. Grand Camp at the Great Miami ab^t. noon.⁵ after hav^g March'd 10 Miles more! hav^g. in y^e. whole march'd upwards 30 Miles in y^e. New road! instead of 24 in y^e. Old one! with four Companies 2^d. U S Reg^t. 2 Battallions Levies & 5 pieces of Artillery. C-sign Tennessee.—

⁵ This camp was on the site of the city of Hamilton, Ohio, which takes its name from Fort Hamilton, built by St. Clair's army between September 17 and October 4, 1791.

Sunday Sept^r. 18th.

The whole Army Order'd under Arms at revellie beating every morning, & to continue under Arms untill the Fog Clears so that an Enemy may be discover'd at y^e. distance of 200 yards. this Order kept us on y^e. Parade two hours to Day, & in all probability will every day. as y^e. Fogs are constant & heavy every Morning untill 7. or 8 OClock.—At 11 OClock A Man came in belonging to M^r. Cobb's party who had been detachch'd from Fort-Washington with 20 Men to flank & Cover provision boats down y^e. river. with information that during their March they had been frequently fir'd on by y^e. Indians but happily without Injury. they return'd y^e. fire but with no other success than driving y^e. Indians, rescuing a Horse which had been stolen from Judge Symmes, and taking a Tomahawk which they left in their hurry. Gen^l. S^t Clair arriv'd from Fort-Washington ab^t. 4 P M. C-sign Petersburg.

Monday Sept^r. 19th.

Cap^t. Faulkner with 20 rifle Men were sent out after 10 Indians who were discover'd a small distance from Camp upon our right flank.—several very large rattle-snakes have been kill'd by our Men, in our own Camp since we came here.—M^r. Cobb came into Camp ab^t. 12 at Noon with his detachment. the boats & provisions were left at Dunlap's Station 6 Miles from this—Commenc'd raining ab^t. 6 P M. during y^e. night we had y^e. sharpest lightning & heaviest Thunder & rain, which I have as Yet seen, but having a tolerable Tent of y^e. sort, & y^e. coarse long Grass in this Country when Cut & dried, answering y^e. purpose of Straw. I was pretty tolerably Comfortable. Counter-sign Miami

Tuesday Sept^r. 20th.

Warn'd for Court-Martial but as some of y^e. Prisoners were of my own Company, & I felt that I had prejudged, I made application to Gen^l. S^t. Clair who order'd another Officer in my place.—At night went on Picket with 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 15 privates! cannot acc^t. for the mode in which Duty is generally done in this Camp. but concieve it absolutely unmilitary. but as older officers than myself have done y^e. same Tour in y^e. same I think ridiculous mode I acquiesce. but hope y^e. still will be alter'd when we move towards y^e.

Enemy, who I am inform'd are 1500 strong & are determin'd to give us Battle. So be it, altho! I am sorry to think our force not so respectable in point of strength as Numbers.—Counter-sign Kent.—

Wednesday Sept^r. 21st.

Came off Picquet at Revéllié. was immedeatly order'd to make out a Muster Roll, & an Inspection return against tomorrow! Consideration is one of y^e. first properties (in my estimation) of a good Gen^l. but to put an Officer on Duty, & as soon as he comes off expect, a three days business with close application, to be perform'd in little better than 1|2 one! is a refinement beyond my Comprehension! however what can be, shall be done—Cap^t. Faulkners after a circuitous March of 40 Miles thro! the woods, return'd with 6 Horses but without having seen any Indians.—Countersign—Cincinnati

Thursday Sept^r. 22^d.

rainy, drizzling Morning. On Calling in the Levie Centinels upon the Bullock Guard, found one of them Missing. the adjacent ground was search'd without success. it is presumed he fell asleep on his post, and was taken off by the Indians. Our Battalion was Muster'd by Col^o. Minzies one of the Inspectors for the Troops of the U S. they made a decent appearance, tho! by no means what I presume they will at a future day.—

As for Inspection, it was found impossible for any Cap^t. of our batlⁿ. on y^e. Ground to comply with y^e. Order, as we were *hurried* (myself ever since I have been *appointed*, from *every* place!) from Fort-Washington & oblig'd to leave many of our most essential papers besides some of our most necessary baggage behind. The Inspector must do *his* duty & report us to y^e. Gen^l. but I have no apprehensions, conscious of having discharged my duty in every point my abilities w^d. admit of. rained all night. C-sign Onslow

Fryday Sept^r. 23^d.

Rainy, disagreeable Morning. Clear'd abt. 10 AM. Major Hart return'd from Fort-Washington, but with small encouragement as to our baggage being forwarded. This is against *me*, as *all* my Stores were left there, & the difficulty of getting them sent to me, naturally encreases with my dis-

tance from them: however it is nothing uncommon to Soldiers, & I must & will be contented.—In y^e. Afternoon my boy return'd to me from y^e. hospital at Fort-Washington, poor boy, y^e. scenes are so Novel, & as he conceives hard, that it affects his Spirits & makes him unhappy. however, he little thinks that the fatigues & dangers are yet to come! Indeed the anticipation of a Winter's Campaign, in a Country inhabited only by wild beasts, or y^e. still more ferocious *biped* of y^e. forest, without baggage, & I very much fear in a manner without provisions! as it is clear to my understanding, that the frost will destroy y^e. herbage of the Country, which is y^e. sole dependance at present of our Batt-horses & Cattle! I say this anticipation, with y^e. reflection of having no other covering in our *best* situation, but our Tents in y^e. middle Winter, & that when on picquet we shall not be allowed fire, however stormy or cold it may be! I confess affords me but little satisfaction in y^e. contemplation—rain'd from 6 P. M. all night. Countersign Batavia.

Saturday Sept^r. 24th.

Rainy, stormy Morning. rain'd all Day, but absolutely pour'd in sheets & torrents all night! Tent, bed & Clothes Wet, d—d the Economy of the Contractor for y^e. thinness of our Tents, particularly the backs & doors which are made of very coarse Oznabrigs! & thro! which the rain beat, as if thro! a Sieve! this is the Country cheated, and the Soldier imposed on⁶. Countersign—Africa

Sunday Sept^r. 25th.

rain 'till 9 oclock AM when the sun bless'd our Eyes once more din'd upon Bear, Venison, & Wild Turkey. pass'd y^e. Ev^g. with some of y^e. Bloods of y^e. 1st. U S Reg^t. retir'd to my Tent at 11 P M C-sign Saxe

Monday Sept^r. 26th.

Cloudy Morn^g. Clear'd Warm ab^t. 10 AM. struck my Tent, and *thoroughly* dried y^e. Ground upon which it had been pitched. Finding that Henry Craig, John Kline, &

⁶There is ample testimony from other sources corroborative of these observations concerning the quality of the tents. If one may attempt to distinguish amid a general riot of mismanagement it would perhaps be fair to say that the conduct of the quartermaster's department was particularly notable for its all-around inefficiency.

John Moss, three Soldiers of my Company, to whom I yesterday gave permission to go to the river to wash, had not return'd; & on examining their Clothing that they had left some of their dirty Clothes & old Shoes behind, & had taken the best of each with them, I was induced to believe they had deserted; altho! I confess my Common Sense much stagger'd at the belief of three Men without Arms, deserting from a Camp surrounded by an Enemy ever watching its motions, & ready to take off the Fore-tops of any who ventur'd out of it without a Guard! The Commanding Officer has however Order'd out some Rifle-Men & light Horse, if possible to apprehend them. may they succeed, indeed I hardly conceive their escape possible. Countersign

Tuesday Sept^r. 27th

Thick Fogg in the Morning which in this Country generally indicates & produces a fine clear day! while a Clear Morning is as infallible a sign of rain in the course of it! Cleared about 10 AM. Capt. Phelon sent off with 50 Men to Fort-Washington to escort baggage to the Camp.—Hear the Indians took 56 Batt horses from Ludlow Station the night before last! Ludlow is 14 Miles from our Camp, 7 Miles from Fort Washington, & between both!—It seems to be their adopted policy to capture our horses, & is beyond a doubt the most effectual mode of preventing the expedition against Mimi Towns as our Army cannot move without horses to transport the necessary provisions & Stores.—The Pack horse Masters of our own Camp on counting their horses miss 100! which are also supposed to be taken by the Indians!

Wednesday Sept^r. 28th.

Thick Fogg. Am inform'd by my Orderly Serjt. that two of my lads, two brothers by the name of Depew, to whom I had yesterday given permission to go to the river to wash, have not ret'd. or been heard of! I am very apprehensive that they have fallen into the hands of the Indians, as they have ever appear'd contented with their situation, & conducted themselves with decency and civility. Warn'd and sat as President of a Regimental Court-Martial.

Thursday Sept^r. 29th.

Thick Fogg. Heard that the two lads mention'd above had got lost in y^e. Woods & had straggled to Dunlap's Station down y^e. river where they are now confin'd by y^e. Command^g Officer in suspicion of desertion.—

Fryday Sept^r. 30th.

Went on Fatigue with 250 Men & three Subalterns to the Garrison, completed y^e. Picketing, cut slabs to line it, & Logs for y^e. foundation of y^e. Banqueting round it. rec^d. Orders respecting y^e. line of March & Battle, & those appointing a Board of Officers to settle y^e. rank of y^e. Army.—

Saturday October 1st.

Clear Morn^g. commenc'd raining with very heavy Showers ab^t. 8 O'Clock AM. by y^e. Order of Major Heart gave in the dates of my Commissions, to y^e. Board of Officers. confess I have no great expectations upon any of them, except y^e. rank of "86. & shall acquiesce in that *general principle* which shall pervade y^e. line of y^e. Army.—Cap^t. Phelon return'd with his Command from Fort-Washington ab^t. 10 O'Clock A M.—ab^t. 3 hours after his return y^e. Indians kill'd a Soldier of y^e. 1st. U S Reg^t. took another, & six horses only 2 Miles from Camp. a Party of rifle-Men are order'd out to pursue them.—

Information has also arriv'd in Camp, of Major Davison of y^e. Militia having been kill'd this day by y^e. Indians, at y^e. point of y^e. Great-Miami a few Miles from Camp. rain'd all day & Night.

Sunday October 2^d. 1791

Clear Morn^g. 'till 11 O'Clock AM when it thicken'd up. these as usual were y^e. never failing indications of foul weather ab^t. 4 P M it commenc'd raining & continued all Night, & a cold, uncomfortable one it was. at roll Call rec^d. orders to hold ourselves in readiness at y^e. Shortest notice. we at y^e. same time had y^e. order of Encampment. March & Battle communicated to us—as far as I am capable of judging, think them excellent, & am much pleased with them

Monday Oct^r. 3^d

Cloudy & Chilly. Violent Cold in my head & limbs, however hope we shall not march to day, & that I shall feel more

equal to it. indeed at present, I am y^e. only Cap^t. in our reg^t. who is well eno! to do duty. Kirkwood has been confin'd ever since we came here. Phelon has been unable for duty these 10 days, & Shaylor is taken very ill this Morning—heard that two of my Men who deserted from this place are taken & confin'd in Fort-Washington

Tuesday Oct^r. 4th.

General beat inst^d. of revellie, struck our Tents, and March'd ab^t. 11 AM. Forded y^e. great Miami river, which was up to our middles & very rapid. this Country I concieve very unhealthy as we have continued Fogs, heavy dews, cloudy chilly weather, or rain. this day we are wet, cold, & uncomfortable. march'd as I suppose 2 Miles from y^e. river it being impossible to march further as we had y^e. roads to cut. halted in a wood in which was abundance of under brush & briars.—however, made good fires, dried ourselves & pitch'd our Tents. hear that a Serj^t. and Corp^l. of y^e. Levies deserted last night. while on duty at y^e. Bullock Guard.—The Army had march'd in two Columns single file at y^e. distance of 2 or 3 hundred yards between y^e. Columns, each of which was headed by two pieces of artillery, & bro^t. up by two more in y^e. rear, y^e. Cattle & Batt horses moving in y^e. Interval between y^e. Columns. y^e. order of Encampment y^e. same as y^e. order of March except y^e. front & rear being turn'd to form an Oblong Square of which my Company form'd y^e. right of y^e. rear face & a Comp^y. of y^e. 1st. U S Reg^t. y^e. left. both these regiments forming y^e. first, y^e. rear of y^e. Column on y^e. right, & ours the rear of y^e. Column on y^e. left.

Wednesday Oct^r. 5th.

Cloudy Cloudy & chilly General inst^d. revellie, March'd at Nine AM. & notwithstanding y^e. line of March was alterd & y^e. Columns on y^e. flanks of y^e. Stores provisions & Baggage had only a foot path to Cut! y^e. road orderd to be cut for the Artillery &c &c &c in y^e. Centre between the Columns employed y^e. whole day 'till 5 OClock PM. to measure a distance of three Miles!! on y^e. March y^e. advanc'd picket discover'd an Indian on horse back upon full speed. during this small March forded a Creek over our knees. Encamp'd in y^e. same manner only that y^e. whole of 2^d. U S reg^t. 2 p^s. [2] artill^y.

& part of y^e. 1st. U S Reg^t. form'd y^e. rear face. this bro^t. my Comp^y. 2^d. on y^e. right NB This day was pleasant & y^e. Sun Shin'd!!

Thursday Oct^r. 6th.

Cloudy Morn^g. & Cold at revellie beating it being my Tour of duty, took command of y^e. advanc'd Guard consist^g. 1 Cap^t. 1 Sub 3 Serj^{ts}. 3 Corp^{ls}. & 54 Privates. with every possible exertion y^e. Army only made 5 Miles. at night Commanded the Advanc'd Picket. Altho! it had clear'd ab^t. 11 OClock A M & the Day had been warm & pleasant; y^e. night was uncomfortably Cold & Chilly. this we experienc'd in its full effect, not being all^d. to make a fire or lay down with their blankets on, as that would have defeated y^e. intention of Posting us, by discovering our position to the Enemy. during y^e. March forded two Creeks, over our knees.—

Fryday Oct^r. 7th.

Clear Morn^g. & a pleasant day! Order'd with my Picket, to constitute y^e. rear Guard of the Army. oblig'd to wait on y^e. Ground more than hour after y^e. whole Army had mov'd, to wait for an Ox Waggon that had broken down yesterday. overtook y^e. Troops ab^t. 3 P. M. & y^e. Whole halted ab^t. 5—having made 5 Miles more during y^e. day! Was reliev'd from my Guard ab^t. 6. & slept sweetly & soundly all Night. I was indeed fatigued.

Saturday Oct^r. 8th.

Clear Morning and a fine day. March'd at 8 OClock AM. measurd 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles during which Faulkners rifle-Men discover'd some Indians who had unfortunately percieved their approach, & they could only get a Shot at one of them four of y^e. party fir'd but miss'd him. Just before we Encamp'd Gen^l. Sinclair join'd us from Fort-Washington Billy a Weeaw' Indian one of those who came in to Fort-Washington on y^e. 14th. Ult^o. came with him, conjecture is alive & alive let it be I care little ab^t. it.—

Sunday Oct^r. 9th.

Fine Morning & pleasant day. March'd ab^t. 8 AM. on the March an Elk got surprised between our Column & y^e. Baggage & in ab^t. an hour after a fine Doe. they both escap'd as we had positive orders not to fire. these are y^e. first wild

quadrupeds of y^e. Forest that I have seen frightned & upon y^e. run. their appearance caus'd a variety of sensations. measur'd 4 Miles this day.

Monday Oct^r. 10th.

Pleasant all Day. March'd at 7 AM. On the March at diff^t. periods of it. 1 Buck and 2 fine Doe & a Faun run within fifteen yards of me between y^e. Column 2 y^e. baggage & finally broke their way out, thro! a part of our Men. made 7½ Miles.

Tuesday Oct^r. 11th.

General, as for y^e. week past. inst^d. of revellie. March'd at 7 AM pass'd several Indian Bowery's. & y^e. advanc'd rifle Men saw some Indians on horse back. a detachment of the Cavalry were sent on their trail, on halting was order'd with a Subaltern, non Commiss^d. in proportion & forty privates to forage for y^e. Army. made 6 Miles halted early in consequence of an extensive prairie & Morass appearing in front.—found two horses on y^e. Ground which were hopped with an Indian Cloth, suppose them to be two that have been stolen from us on our march.

Wednesday Oct^r. 12th.

Gen^l. Sinclair & Butler, with y^e. Surveyor out reconnoitering & exploring our way round y^e. Prairie General beat at 11 AM. struck Tents & March'd at ½ past 12 previous to which, some [one or two words torn off] Men [several words torn off] scout discover'd an Indian Cabin [word torn off] ¼ of a Mile from our Camp. on entering it they found a fine Bear recently slaughter'd, a whole deer cooking, & a number of skins! all which they made free with. a piece of y^e. Bear I had for dinner, & partook of y^e. Venison for Supper.—Another party [of] Rifle Men started 3 Indians whom they unsuccessfully pursued without being able to obtain firing distance but on their return fell in with a single Indian whom one of them wounded at 60 yards. a second rifle Man fir'd & as he suppos'd fetch'd him, but a third, at 30 yards bro^t. him on all fours, made a prize of his rifle, but on his giving y^e. war hoop, the orders of his Serj^t. who commanded y^e. party only 5 in number, & an apprehension that their might be a party secreted in y^e. swamp to which he had crawled, induc'd him to quit him. y^e. rifle he bro^t. in to authenticate his Story.

Cap^t. Butler took a fine horse, hopped with [one word and part of another torn off] hoppus, [?] a pair Indian Leggings and a p^r. Mockasins on [word torn off].—during y^e. March one of y^e. horsemen observ'd [th]at there was 2 Artillery horses at a little distance. the Cavalry mov'd, but y^e. horses were taken off before they arrived! & y^e. pursuit unsuccessful. they however left a pair Mockasins in lieu thereof.—made ab^t. 4 Miles this day.—this night Ice made y^e. thickness of a pistareen!

Thursday Oct^r. 13th.

At revellie beating, went on fatigue to cut y^e. road. cut 6½ Miles & was Order'd back y^e. Gen^l. having determin'd to erect a Blockhouse ½ mile from our last nights encampment returnd ab^t. ½ past three. when a 1 Cap^t. 1 Sub. & 60 Non-Commiss^d. & privates being wanted to continue on fatigue, Cap^t. Smith of y^e. 1st. U S reg^t. & myself drew for y^e. command. I was fortunate & got clear. Commenc'd raining at 11 P M. & continued very stormy all night. Tent leak'd as usual, & y^e. Contractor got his Benediction. supp'd with Lieu^t. Melcher 1st. U S Reg^t. upon Bear, & Coffee with milk in it!!

Fryday [date torn off]

Clear'd ab^t. 8 OClock. went on General Court-Martial [at] 9. The fatigue parties began to clear y^e. ground for y^e. Blockhouse.⁷ am fearfull it may be my lot to remain here, as I understand a Cap^t. from y^e. 2^d. U S reg^t. will command.—Confess I think y^e. ground too approachable as it is surrounded by a number of small Nolls, behind which an Enemy in a Country like this might lay conceal'd, & extreemly distress if not cut off y^e. supply of water from y^e. Garrison. commenc'd rain ab^t. 9 OClock P. M. & rained very hard all night.

Saturday Oct^r. 15th.

rain'd all day. a Bear run into y^e. Camp & was kill'd. a Militia Man being out hunting, discovered an Indian Camp. a party of Militia are sent on one route & a party rifle Men on y^e. other. ab^t. 4 P M they returnd without hav^g made any discoveries. rain'd [ms. torn] Night.

⁷The fort built here was named in favor of Thomas Jefferson. It was near the site of modern Fort Jefferson, Ohio. The army was occupied here until October 24.

Sunday Oct^r. 16th.

raind all y^e. Morn^g 'till 11 AM. a fine Buck & Doe ran thro! y^e. Camp & escap'd. y^e. Buck ran between Cap^t Phelons Tent & y^e. one on his right, y^e. Doe passd y^e. Majors Tent & appear'd much fatigued. at 4 P. M it began again to rain & continued all night—during which two or three of y^e. Centinels fired, undoubtedly thro! mistake as I have heard of nothing material taken place.

Monday Oct^r. 17th.

Chilly, drizzling rain all day. two horses were bro^t. in two rifle Men were kill'd while hunting ab^t. 6 miles from Camp. rain'd & hail'd all night.—

Tuesday Oct^r. 18th.

rain 'till 9 AM. y^e. Sun popp'd upon us two or three times untill one OClock P M, when it again became Cloudy & Cold. Cap^t. Shaylor arriv'd from Fort-Hamilton at which place we left him Sick.—His accounts [one or two words torn off] [di]scouraging as to our suddenly receiving proper, if [an]y supplies or provision, indeed we just begin to realize part of my anticipation of y^e. 23^d. Sept^r. the Pea-Vine, our principal dependance for y^e. subsistance of our horses &c. & all the herbage of y^e. Country except long Sour Grass & decay'd leaves, are cut off, y^e. horses are enfeebled & die daily, we had only a few bags flour on hand for y^e. support of y^e. whole Army, untill y^e. arrival of the brigade of 60 horses with which Cap^t. Shaylor came, & they have only brought three days; on y^e. road they met a brigade of horses which left us two days ago, but y^e. badness of y^e. roads, render'd still worse by y^e. heavy rains, had worn y^e. horses down, discouraged y^e. pack-horse Master, who Cap^t. S. informs swear they will not return!! our situation in a few days will be [c]ritically distressing, if M^r. Duer's agents have no other [d]ependance for y^e. transportation of provision to us, than [the p]resent set of horses belonging to y^e. Army. heaven knows [the] Creatures can bear but little if any burthen, & a few days [or w]eeks will finish y^e. Campaign with most of them.

Wednesday Oct^r. 19th.

[S]till Cloudy & Chilly. three Officers Servants were bro^t. in by the rifle men. they had stolen their Masters horses, had

pack'd up some of their Clothes & were going off to y^e. Indians. they were Servants to the Cap^{ts}. Armstrong & Ford & Major Furguson.—An order came from y^e. Gen^l. “that untill further Orders no person in y^e. army is to draw more than one ration P day. that ration to consist of 1 1½ pounds Beef & ½ pound flour” y^e. extra beef [be]ing substituted for y^e. deficient flour.

Thursday Oct^r. 20th.

Pleasant 'till 3 P M. when it again lowr'd & threaten'd. rec^d. Letters from my good Mother, Peggy, & Betsey Major Staggs, & Cap^t, Pratt. they afforded me most sensible pleasure. it call'd my imagination to my Native home & y^e. peacefull scenes of domestic life. my fancy presented my friends in various points of vie[w] & led my mind to y^e. variegated pursuit in which they engag'd; may they ever be promotive of their best interest. [&] happiness. this night was y^e. coldest we have yet had.

Fryday Oct^r. 21st.

Clear Cold Morning. the General Court-Martial on which I have sat every day since y^e. 14th. Inst^t. was dissolved having tried all y^e. prisoners who were confind for Capital Crimes.—very Cold all day & night, in y^e. Ev^g. it spit Snow—

Saturday Oct^r. 22^d.

Clear & Cold, It having Yesterday been Order'd that y^e. Army sh^d. draw only ¼th. Flour & no extra Beef, 'till a further supply arriv'd. Sixty of y^e. Kentucky Militia left us,^s & y^e. remainder swear they will not stay if they are to be reduc'd in their rations pack'd up all my baggage except two Shirts & a few necessaries which I can carry in a Knapsack, & intend leaving them at the Garrison, as we are not to have Batt—horses, an[d] am inform'd y^e. General means to advance 20 M[iles] [one line too faint to read] as to have our necessaries scatterd throughout such wilderness as this.

^s They left threatening to seize the supplies which were being forwarded for the further support of the already starving army. Whether to protect the supplies or to secure the deserters themselves St. Clair sent the First United States Infantry in pursuit of them. Due to this fact he went into the battle of November fourth deprived of half his force of regulars, which constituted the backbone of his army.

Sunday Oct^r. 23^d.

[C]lear & Cold in y^e. Morn^g. but moderated as y^e. Sun rose. Cap^t. Shaylor & Lieut. Bradley of our reg^t. are appointed to this Garrison. thank God it was not Phelon or myself. the Army are order'd to hold themselves at y^e. shortest notice. suppose we shall March tomorrow adieu Baggage for a small time at least.—At 3 P M y^e. Army attended y^e. Execution of two of y^e. Officers Waiters who were desert[ing] to y^e. Enemy, & a Levy Soldier who [had] Shot his [ms. illegible] threaten'd to Shoot his Officer